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Applicant : Masayuki Tsuchiya et al. Art Unit : 1652  
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TRANSDUCTION THROUGH INFLAMMATORY CYTOKINES

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated December 16, 2003, be extended for three months to and including June 16, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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